

REMARKS

Claims 9, 11, and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter recited therein. In addition, claims 1, 6, 10, 12, 17, and 21 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12-17, 19, and 21 remain pending in the captioned case. Further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-10 and 20-21 are considered to be allowable, if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant sincerely appreciates the Examiner's recognition of the patentable subject matter recited in these claims and awaits allowance of the remaining claims in the case. As set forth below, all limitations of allowed claims 9 and 20 have been incorporated into base claims 1 and 12, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants assert that independent claims 1 and 12, as well as all claims dependent therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Objection to the Claims

An objection was lodged against claim 11 for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. To expedite prosecution, claim 11 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter recited therein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of this objection.

Section 112 Rejection

Claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, independent claims 1 and 12 were rejected for including various limitations, which appeared to contradict with the prior art (see Office Action, pages 3-4). Claims 2-6, 8-11, and 13-17, 19-21 appear to be rejected solely for being dependent on a rejected base claim. As noted above, claims 9, 11, and 20 have been canceled rendering rejection thereto moot. In addition, Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended in a manner believed to address the concerns in the Office Action. In particular, claims 1 and 12 have been amended to correct and clarify the distinctions between the first, second, and third APIs. For example, the claimed APIs are now described in such a manner that distinguishes the first API as

comprising AWT, the second API as comprising Swing, and the third API as comprising a combination of both (referred to as AWT-Swing; see, also claims 6 and 17). The features and abilities of these three APIs are disclosed throughout the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of this objection.

Section 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 3-6, 11-12, and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,128,011 to Peng (hereinafter "Peng") in view of a web publication entitled "Introducing Swing" (hereinafter "Forschungsbereich"). Claims 2 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peng and Forschungsbereich in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,327,529 to Fults (hereinafter "Fults"). Claims 8 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peng and Forschungsbereich in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,161,107 to Stern (hereinafter "Stern").

As noted above, independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include allowable subject matter. In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to contain the allowable subject matter recited in claim 9: "wherein the functionality lacked by the first API further comprises enhanced text support, including popup menus with cut and paste editing capability, and undo/redo editing." A similar limitation (as recited in claim 20) has been incorporated into independent claim 12.

Applicants agree that the cited art fails to teach the various features set out in amended independent claims 1 and 12. As described on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims containing allowable subject matter (such as amended independent claims 1 and 12) would be allowed and, as such, the undersigned anticipates that a Notice of Allowance is forthcoming. No amendments were made to the claims which would warrant further examination since the previously examined dependent claims were inserted into the present independent claims — those dependent claims noted as being allowable.

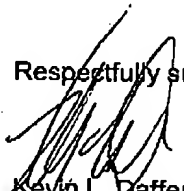
In light of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicants assert that independent claims 1 and 12, as well as claims dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The present amendment and response is believed to be a complete response to all issues raised in the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicants assert that pending claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12-17, 19, and 21 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions, the undersigned attorney earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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